

SOIL MANAGEMENT (CSP Enhancements)

April 2005

Enhancement Activity Task Sheet

WV-CSPESM-TS



Enhancement Activities

Enhancement activities refer to actions that provide resource benefits beyond the level prescribed by NRCS Conservation Practice Standards. Once implemented Enhancement Activities should result in an observable or measurable improvement to the condition of one or more of the soil, water, air, plant or animal resources, or provide for more efficient resource utilization and/or energy conservation.

Enhancement Activity Benefits

Actions that control erosion, reduce tillage operations, or increase organic matter can result in the following benefits to the producer and the environment:

- Sustained productivity
- Enhanced water quality
- Improved nutrient use
- Improved water infiltration and storage

CSP Payments

You can earn Soil Management enhancement payments by:

Decreasing your Soil Tillage Intensity Rating (STIR). STIR ratings can be decreased by actions such as:

- Reducing field operations.
- Using a GPS controlled traffic guidance system.

Improving your Soil Conditioning Index (SCI) score. SCI scores can be increased by actions such as:

- Increasing organic matter in the soil.
- Leaving crop residues on the soil surface,
- Using of cover crops
- Introducing plants that produce more biomass,
- Applying animal manure or other carbon-rich wastes

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Client's Acknowledgement Statement:

I have elected to use the following Soil Management activities and understand the requirements of the selected activities (Check all that apply):

- Improve Soil Condition Index Score(Worksheet 1)
- Manage field operations to reduce compaction (Worksheet 2)
- Adopt Guided Traffic System (Worksheet 3)

I agree that the following information will be provided to NRCS upon request:

- Written documentation of the activity performed (use attached worksheets or equivalent).
- Copies of dated receipts for equipment or services purchased.

I understand that CSP Enhancements earnings are subject to payment caps and that my actual payments will depend on my CSP Tier level and the number of acres enrolled.

I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary permits and to comply with all ordinances and laws pertaining to the application of these activities.

Accepted by: /s/ _____ Date: _____

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